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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a pancreatic islet transcription factor and methods of treating and diagnosing diabetes.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	COLLINS FRANCIS. Generation and initial analysis of more than 15,000 full-length human and mouse cDNA sequences. Proceeding of the National Academy of Science. Vol. 99, No. 26, pages 16899-16903, 24 December 2002.	1-3

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-6, 11-17 and 32-40, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid and method of making and using.

Group II, claim(s) 7-9, drawn to polypeptide.

Group III, claim(s) 10, drawn to antibody.

Group IV, claim(s) 18-27, drawn to ligand binding assay.

Group V, claim(s) 28-31, drawn to method of treating.

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The claims of Groups I-V lack a special technical feature that is the same or that corresponds to a special feature. Likewise there is not a special technical feature linking the recited groups, as would be necessary to fulfill the requirements for unity of Invention. The special technical feature of the invention of Group I is an isolated nucleic acid and gene and method of making and using said nucleic acid. The nucleic acid of the Group I is composed of nucleotides and function in hybridization and amplification procedures for diagnosing a subject with diabetes. The special technical feature of Group II is an isolated polypeptide comprised of amino acid that may be utilized in western blotting experiments. The special technical feature of Group III is an antibody is composed of amino acids fused via peptide linkage which may used in binding assays or as a treatment regimen. The special technical feature of Group IV is drawn to a ligand-binding assay for diagnosing diabetes. The special technical feature of Group V is drawn to a method of treating diabetic or pre-diabetic animals. None of these special technical features are common to the other groups, nor do they correspond to a special technical feature in the other groups. Therefore, unity of invention is lacking.

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